



Army CoS visits, re-enlists Soldiers

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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq – Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. conducted a re-enlistment ceremony at Task Force Marne Headquarters and visited other 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers at Patrol Bases Assassin and Murray Aug. 11.

The commitment from Soldiers who re-enlisted for fixed periods of time

totalled 621 years of service. “These great Soldiers here epitomize the best of what the United States of America stands for,” Gen. Casey said. “It’s important not to lose sight of what’s at stake in this war – the power of our values and our civilization.” As a surprise, the re-enlistees each received a 3rd Inf. Div. coin, an American flag that had been flown over Camp Victory’s Al Faw Palace, and their choice of an MP3 player or a Gerber tool.

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Wright Airfield upgraded, co-use partners benefit

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

The Wright Army Airfield Joint Management Board announced Aug. 2 it has scheduled a tentative ribbon cutting for the new upgraded facility

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Rangers change command

Bonita Riddley, Carol Darby
SOC Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga., - In keeping with tradition, Ranger Rendezvous 2007 ushered in the regimental change of command here for the 75th Ranger Regiment, Aug. 9. Col. Richard D. Clarke continues the historical lineage of commanders as the 15th colonel of the Ranger Regiment as he assumed command from Col. Paul J. LaCamera during a formal ceremony on York Field.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner, U.S. Army Special Operations Command commanding general, presided over the ceremony. USASOC is the headquarters for the Ranger Regiment. “Some Americans may forget that our nation is at war,” he said. “At war with the global enemy that threatens our very way of life. But nobody on this field ever forgets. America will always be the land of the free as it is the home of the brave, and you are the brave men that guarantee that freedom, the freedom of our good nation.”

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - (From right) Lt. Col. Troy Perry, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of Multi-National Corps - Iraq, look on as Iman Turki Hamad, a local school teacher, points out damage caused by a July 26 vehicle borne improvised explosive device attack Saturday, Aug. 11 in Baghdad's Karada neighborhood. After meeting with Hamad, Odierno said he would talk with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki regarding the concerns of those affected by the bombing. See related stories on Page 5A.



Retired Army Gen. Colin Powell presented the Purple Heart to Sgt. Robert Evans, 1/15th Inf., who was injured in Iraq by an improvised explosive device.

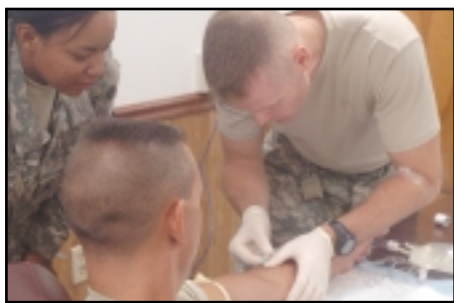
3rd ID Soldier receives Purple Heart; postal service unveils new stamp

John J. Kruzel
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WASHINGTON – Retired Army Gen. Colin Powell presented the Purple Heart Medal to Sgt. Robert Evans, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division in a ceremony held at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Aug. 7, as the U.S. Postal Service reissued a stamp honoring the medal and those who wear it. The medal, which features George Washington's Family crest and the first president's silhouette set against a purple heart, is awarded to U.S. servicemembers wounded by an instrument of war in an enemy's hands. Powell received a Purple Heart after a booby trap wounded him in 1963 near the Vietnam-Laos border. The retired general today told the audience of nearly 150 servicemembers, Families, friends, and hospital officials that the Purple Heart is unique because it's “the only decoration which you are entitled to as a wounded warrior.” “You may be recommended for other decorations, but this is the one that you are entitled to,” he said. “It is something that is owed to all of our wounded warriors by a grateful nation, and is given in the name of the president. “It's the least the American people can do to recognize those of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who have been willing to step forward to serve the nation, serve the cause of peace, freedom and democracy

around the world,” the general said. Powell presented Purple Hearts to Evans and Pfc. Marcus LaBadie of 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, from Fort Hood, Texas. “Because I have a Purple Heart now, and because I've been through it and I've walked in their shoes, I have more respect for the other Soldiers who have Purple Hearts,” Evans said after Powell pinned his shirtfront with the medal. Civilians who wish to honor Purple Heart recipients now need to look no further than their local post office. John Potter, postmaster general and chief executive officer of the U.S. Postal Service, and Powell unveiled an eight-foot replica of the Purple Heart stamp that today became available to the public. The U.S. Postal Service issued the 41-cent Purple Heart stamp for public sale Aug. 7. “The reason that we're here today is because the stamp has touched this nation and its people so deeply, and they've let us know that,” Potter said. “It's not only the stamp itself that resonates so strongly, (but) it's what the stamp stands for, what it represents.” The stamp commemorates servicemembers' sense of duty, dedication to service, spirit of valor, and willingness to sacrifice, the postmaster general said. “By using the Purple Heart stamp on their cards and letters, our citizens salute you and your role in protecting our great nation,” Potter said.

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Marne 6 Sends Soldiers recognized for outstanding contributions

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

This past weekend the new Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George Casey, honored us by re-enlisting 124 Soldiers right outside our Division Headquarters here in Iraq. It was an amazing event where these very fine Americans offered continued service to our country during a time of war. These Soldiers are our heroes. We know Soldiers no longer re-enlist for only the money, but also out of dedication to our Nation. The sacrifice of these Soldiers and their Families does not go unnoticed and we are humbled by their decision.

We receive many visits by Department of the Army general officers in Iraq. They are eager to meet our Soldiers and see the progress of the Surge. If you watch the news

you see the media discussing the progress of the Surge. Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division are at the tip of this endeavor, making notable progress every day. They are patrolling in areas that were previously enemy sanctuaries, fighting their way in to secure the Iraqi population.

Your Soldiers are engaging with the local Iraqis and inspiring them to become concerned citizens. They are the role models for Iraqis to secure their own neighborhoods. They are ensuring the Iraqis are not afraid to come forward with intelligence. In some neighborhoods, Iraqis are showing Soldiers where IEDs are emplaced and marking the houses



of the insurgents. The Iraqis are also standing up to insurgents in their neighborhoods through the confidence the Soldiers are giving them.

During his visit, Gen. Casey visited two of our magnificent patrol bases – Patrol Base Murray where he met with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, and Patrol Base Assassin where he met with Soldiers from 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment. At both patrol bases Dog Face Soldiers were setting the standard and proudly showed Gen. Casey their contributions to the Surge. They walked him through their operations in a manner that made me most proud to be Marne 6.

The Department of the Army G2 also visited us this past week to help us continue improving our intelligence capabilities. He met with the leaders of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and its amazing intelligence analysts. We are doing everything we can to provide as much intelligence to our Soldiers as possible – to keep them safe and help them capture insurgents faster and with more precision.

With Gen. David H. Petraeus' testimony to Congress in just a few weeks, we recognize the possibility of an increased number of casualties. Leaders in Iraq are doing everything to mitigate this and our hearts are always with our Families. We grieve the losses we have already suffered, and everyday we stiffen our resolve.

Rock of the Marne!

A moment in Marne history: Brignoles

Courtesy of the Fort Stewart Museum

On Aug. 18-19, 1944 the battle for the city located in the south of France erupted.

The Germans defended Brignoles with two battalions of the 338th Infantry Division.

The city was cleared by 10:30 a.m., Aug. 19, after a two-day battle.

The German troops in the action represented the 338th, 242nd and 244th Infantry Divisions along with the 189th Reserve Division.

Afterwards, Nazi weapons were collected on the streets of Brignoles. During the next 24 hours, 3rd Inf. Div. troops would advance another 30 miles. With the hasty departure of the German command, local police struggled with the transition from the authority of the Free French fighters.

The Battle for Brignoles, with the 2nd Battalion, 30th Regiment and a patrol of the 3rd Recon Troop, was the toughest fight during the breakout from the beachhead.



Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. George W. Casey Jr., administers the Oath of Enlistment to 124 Task Force Marne re-enlistees at Task Force Marne Headquarters, Camp Victory Aug. 11

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"A lot of Soldiers could go a whole career without getting within shouting distance of a four-star general," said Master Sgt. James Nicolai, 3rd Infantry Division re-enlistment operations NCO. "Having the chief come out and greet everybody is pretty exciting."

Though not assigned to the Multi-National Division-Center, Soldiers from 3rd Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, serving in Ramadi, took the opportunity to visit their division headquarters.

"The guys enjoyed coming out and getting some cool stuff they can use, in addition to the incentives like priority for a four-day pass," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Delaney, career counselor for 1st BCT's 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, who brought six Soldiers from the unit to re-enlist.

Bonuses for the group's re-enlistment totaled over \$1.4 million, most of which went to Soldiers re-enlisting for the first time.

Later in the day, Casey arrived by UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to PB Assassin and Murray. He was met on the ground at Assassin by commanders of 3rd HBCT. He toured PB Assassin's command post building operated by Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment.

After the tour, Casey briefly spoke to brigade leaders and Soldiers about the length of the 3rd HBCT's current deployment and the importance of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

"This war is nothing more than the values and ideas on which our country is based," he said. "This is our way of life and our country is lucky to have you and your Families on the forefront in this war on terrorism."

Ten Soldiers were awarded Army Chief of Staff coins in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the 3rd HBCT.

Casey presented coins to the following Soldiers at PB

- Assassin:
3/1 Cav.
Spc. John Ray, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop
Spc. Jaime Rivera, HHT
Sgt. Eric Jordan, Troop A
Spc. Peter Arend, Troop A
Pfc. Christopher Rochester, Troop A
- 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment:**
Spc. James Jones, Headquarters, Headquarters Company
Spc. Jonathan Follmar, HHC
Spc. Chris Armstrong, HHC
Pfc. Michael Sexton, HHC
- 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion:**
Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, HHT

Vanguards prepare to deploy

Soldiers receive proper vehicle maintenance, driving techniques

Pfc. Amanda McBride
4th BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team participated in a week-long driver's training class conducted to help Soldiers gain experience and knowledge on military vehicles July 30 through Aug. 3 in preparation for their upcoming deployment.

"The purpose of the course is to teach Soldiers the basic rules and regulations of driving military vehicles," said Sgt 1st Class Charles E. Purnell, master driver in the brigade.

Throughout the week, Soldiers learned how to properly drive and conduct vehicle maintenance on humvees, light medium tactical vehicles and field medium tactical vehicles.

"I do not think it is hard for Soldiers to transition from driving civilian cars to driving military vehicles," said Purnell.

Through the entire course the instructors always made safety the first priority, by

emphasizing proper instructions on ground-guiding and basic knowledge of using seat belts, lights and turning signals.

"Parking the humvee with the trailer was the hardest thing to do during the course," said Pfc. Ashley Wisinski, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th BCT. "You had to make sure there was a connection with the person who was ground-guiding you."

Soldiers were also taught is the importance of conducting preventive maintenance checks and services prior to using a military vehicle.

"PMCS (on) a vehicle is important because it keeps operators familiar on what to look for on their vehicle," said Purnell.

Throughout the course, Soldiers were given the opportunity to expand their knowledge on military vehicles and provided hands-on experience driving them.

"I learned the importance of being aware of what is in your care, whether it be people or items," said Wisinski, adding, that it is important to drive carefully.



Pfc. Amanda McBride

Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Purnell, a master driver with the 4th BCT, shows Soldiers on how to use the hydraulic system on a light medium tactical vehicle during a week-long driver's training class held July 30 through Aug. 3.



Pvt. Jerome Arp

Pfc. Donna Velasco and Pvt. Donte Hill, topography Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th brigade Combat Team, are sized for Army Combat Uniform pants. The 4th BCT Soldiers were issued ACU uniforms and other equipment Aug. 9 in preparation for their upcoming Iraq deployment.



4th BCT officers learn life-saving strategies

Pvt. Jerome Arp

Col. Thomas James, 4th Brigade Combat Team commander, performs an intra-venous fluid transfer on Maj. Kolin Bernardoni, 4th BCT executive officer. The IV was part of the leader's Combat Lifesaver Course, where Brigade staff officers were certified Aug. 10. The Combat Lifesaver Course is one of several courses offered to prepare and train Soldiers on proper battlefield life-saving techniques. The 4th BCT will join the 3rd Infantry Division's fight against terrorism in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in October.

Organizations assist loved ones following death of servicemembers

Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis
4th BCT Public Affairs

"I look on the wall to memories past, trying to see beyond the glass. As time moves on I forget even more, the feeling I got when you walked through the door. As I look at the memory frozen in time, I remember once when you were mine. But you're here no longer and that was your fate, I just pray that you will wait for me at the gate. A picture will fade but in my heart you will always remain."

This is a poem, A Picture on the Wall, written by Tori Hall, a 14-year-old Family member who lost her dad nine years ago.

"I wrote this poem about my dad recently," said Hall. "After my dad died I cried so much and then years later I just couldn't cry anymore. I guess I kind of closed up a little. I saw a picture of him in my house and out of the blue I was like, 'He is such a stranger to me. I don't know him.' And so this is what I wrote."

Hall, along with many other children, spouses and parents around the world, still remember the life-changing knock at the door, notifying them of their loved ones passing and immediately turning their lives upside down.

Although there is no way to prepare someone for this life-changing event, Fort Stewart leadership and Army Community Service have created a program to help those Families deal with the loss. To ensure Fort Stewart Soldiers and Family members were prepared to deal with this type of situation, care team

training was held Aug. 10-11 at Stewart's ACS for more than 300 individuals.

The care teams are groups of two or three trained volunteers who can provide short-term emotional and logistical support to Families of fallen and wounded Soldiers. Normally, the care team helps out prior to the extended Family arriving or after the extended Family departs. Some of the support provided consists of making phone calls, providing meals, and babysitting or making child-care arrangements, said Bess Stone, ACS mobilization and deployment program manager.

A care team is normally divided into three areas: care team coordinator – determines Family needs, meal support coordinator – coordinates meals, and general support coordinator – coordinates child care, transportation and housework.

In addition to the care team training, representatives from the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, out of Washington, D.C., also spoke to those attending the training.

"Know that you as care team members will have a profound impact on the Family and they will forever remember you and be grateful," said Bonnie Carroll, TAPS founder and chairman. "We honor our fallen servicemembers by ensuring the loved ones they may

leave behind will never be forgotten and we do that by coming together and help one another through it."

Carroll founded TAPS following the death of her husband, Army Brig. Gen. Tom Carroll, in an Army C-12 plane crash in 1992. TAPS offers hope, healing, comfort and care to American Armed Forces Families facing the death of loved ones.

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*Bonnie Carroll
TAPS Chairman*

mother of Tori and four other children, each shared memories of their loved one and spoke on how TAPS has supported them over the years following the death of their spouse. Shelly Hall lost her husband, 2nd Lt. Kelly Hall, an Army pilot, in a RC-12 aircraft crash in Wurzburg, Germany.

"One of the things that stick out was the role call," Hall recalled. "I knew that was coming and I was almost more scared of getting through that than anything else. Since it was in Germany the kids didn't go with me, but I remember it was horrible when they called his name, and then they called it again and again. But now I look back and I'm so glad I didn't plug my ears. I think Kelly would have been proud of me."

In addition to dealing with the loss of her

"Grief is the price we pay for loving," said Carroll. "In TAPS we focus on that life and that love."

Carroll, along with TAPS member Shelly Hall, who is also the

husband, Hall, like many others, also had to deal with losing her military lifestyle.

"I remember having to move away from the military community," said Hall. "Not only did I lose my husband and my best friend, and my children's father, but I also lost living on a base, lost all my friends, and lost my lifestyle."

So as the military lifestyle faded away, Hall found comfort through TAPS.

"You may leave the military community, but you gain one instantly with TAPS. They can connect you back to everything that you feel like you lost," Hall said. "That pride to his service and to his country has got to remain in our lives and we're able to do that through TAPS."

TAPS offers a wealth of resources, to include seminars and workshops, to help those who have lost a military loved one find the resources they need to cope with the loss and assist them with their grief. For more information on TAPS, go to Web site www.TAPS.org or (800) 959-8277. If you want to volunteer to be a care team member, contact your unit's Family Readiness Group.

"Through the TAPS services, we not only honor the legacy of the fallen, but also remind younger generations of the values that have made the United States the greatest nation in the world. We must remember that some gave all to protect our freedom. We must honor their legacy and help cushion the burden that falls upon friends and Family left behind," said John Warner, U.S. senator, which was taken from the www.TAPS.org Web site.

GC responds to community gang concerns

Col. Todd Buchs
Stewart-Hunter Garrison Commander

In keeping with the command's promise to provide a robust information campaign designed to educate the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community, I am dedicating this weeks column to providing more info on gang awareness.

The focus for this week is pre-crisis indicators. Pre-crisis indicators are items that we should be on the lookout for to let us know where we should be focusing our attention and efforts. I would be remiss if I did not say that this article is not intended to alarm anyone to issues that exist but rather to inform the community of things to look for.

As mentioned last week, small groups of adolescents may be seen "hanging" together. This is not necessarily indicative of gang activity. However, clustering of rival groups at the schools, in parks, within parking lots, at movie theaters, and other locations should be monitored and called in to the hotline. Additionally, we should be mindful of the movement of groups not common to our neighborhoods.

Should there be an increase in carloads of kids not from your neighborhood, this should be called in as an item of interest. This could be associated with other items to include fights and arguments on school property (i.e. at bus stops, on buses, during lunch hours, along bus and walk routes, etc.). When suspicious activity is reported by a concerned citizen, it does not mean the individuals acting suspiciously will be arrested. It means we will more closely monitor the actions of those individuals as a proactive measure to ensure the safety of our community.

We should all pay close attention to an increase or presence of graffiti throughout our community. This is commonly referred to as tagging. This is a group's way of placing their claim on a particular area and recruiting members. Often times these acts are done by individuals who are simply copycats or

"wannabes". They are not committed to the gang mentality and thus, by being proactive, we can put a stop to any escalation of the issue/problem. In areas where graffiti exists, concerned citizens should help be our eyes and ears as other groups will be tempted to cross out the graffiti markings and replace them with their own markings.

The advent of school uniforms makes it easier to identify clothing items and dress standards that are unique to gangs.

We should also be educated on the subtle things that may be indicators that gang activity exists. Parents and neighbors must take note of sudden and extreme changes in dress styles.

Gangs often use colors as forms of identification. Gang members often wear clothing that is currently popular among mainstream society. Clothing in itself does not indicate gang affiliation or a gang problem, we will provide additional information in the next article.



As previously mentioned, the Gang Awareness Hotline went into effect this week. The numbers are now active at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Those numbers are 767-GANG (4264) for Fort Stewart and 315-GANG (4264) for Hunter. Community members are encouraged to call the appropriate police hotline any time, day or night, to report suspected gang-related activity.

Continue to call 767-2822 for all Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield routine or non-emergency calls. Continue to call 911 for all emergencies.

The most important thing to remember is that the current indicators do not suggest that there is an active gang problem on Stewart-Hunter.

Being aware of the pre-crisis indicators will help us, as a community, to remain ahead of the cultural shifts and potential issues.

I ask for your assistance in this important matter as members of our military community. Ours is a terrific community. Help me keep it that way.

Safety message: SUV and pickup fatalities on rise

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FORT RUCKER, Ala. - The Army had 19 fatalities involving sport-utility vehicles and pickup trucks in fiscal 2006. To date, in FY 2007, there has been an increase in fatalities involving the same type of vehicles.

At the half way point of this fiscal year, according to the Army database, there have been 50 fatal POV off-duty accidents, claiming the lives of 54 Soldiers. Of this number, 24 accidents included SUV and truck fatalities.

"The increase in pickup truck and SUV fatalities is proportional to the increase in the number of registrations the Army is experiencing and the sales (nationally) of these type vehicles," noted Walter Beckman, deputy of driving task force, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Safety Center. "One reason the

Army may be seeing this increase is because Soldiers have more disposable income coming out of theater and are buying the bigger more expensive SUVs and pickups."

The Army's Office of the Provost Marshal General indicates there were 71,573 SUVs registered in 2006, a 21 percent jump from 56,826 registered in 2005.

"Risk assessments are paramount in preventing our Soldiers from becoming another horrific statistic," said USACRC Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell. "It is my hope, as engaged leaders, that we will encourage those within our ranks to use the programs and tools that the Army has to offer such as the Travel Risk Planning System."

The Army's TRiPs program is one of the tools that combat the hazards associated with operating POVs.

TRiPS offers key features such as encouraging dialogue between supervisors and subordinates. This allows them the

opportunity to discuss the planned trip, the risks involved, and how to control those risks with the Soldier. Since its inception, Soldiers have completed more than 2.3 million assessments.

Of those people who completed the assessments, four have been killed - only two were operating the vehicle. Soldiers complete roughly three to five thousand assessments a day.

"One (death) is too many, especially if it is your battle-buddy or loved one," Glidewell said. "Our statistics indicate that our younger Soldiers are more at risk when it comes to off-duty accidents involving SUV's," Glidewell added, "we must all continue stepping up and helping fellow Soldiers make the right decisions. If we continue to do this, we'll be more successful in reducing loss and remaining Army Strong."

DOIM provides opportunity for Soldiers to call home

Special to the Frontline

Do you know deployed Soldiers may call home to Fort Stewart, for free? This is all part of the Army's Morale Call Home program and is available worldwide 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The system is entirely voice activated and therefore no operator is required. To utilize the system, a deployed Soldier must use a Defense Switched Network line to place the call.

DSN lines are available at most camps or base sites but not all outposts have them available. The number of lines available is limited, so based on utilization, a Soldier may not gain access to a DSN line every day. Daily missions may also take Soldiers away from areas where they have access to a DSN line.

Once a Soldier gains access to a DSN line, they can call the Fort Stewart Call Home number at DSN 870-HOME (870-4663).

The automated system will prompt the

caller for the telephone number they wish to call. Only numbers in and around the Fort Stewart and Savannah local calling area (to include Glennville, Pembroke, Pooler and Richmond Hill), will be free calls.

If a number is given to the automated voice system and the system determines that the number is not a local call, the caller will be prompted to supply a calling card or credit card number. In that instance, the caller can state that the call is a collect call,

so that the receiving party pays for the call charges.

Please be aware that long distance fees are the same with this system as with other commercial systems and depending on the length of the call, charges can be excessive.

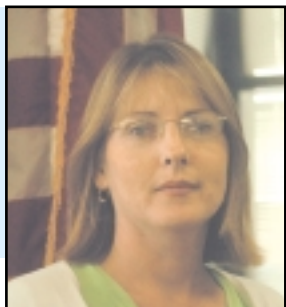
The phone calls are limited to 15 minutes. Thirty seconds prior to the end of the phone call, the system will prompt the callers so that proper goodbyes can take place. For more information, call Mike Flatt at 767-0266.

Marne Voices Speak Out

Where were you on 9/11?

"In a BMW dealership in Schweinfurt, Germany with my husband."

Chris Mattics
Directorate of Logistics



"I was at Fort Stewart and I had just retired from the military. I was teaching a class."

David King
Directorate of Logistics



"I just finished basic training and was going to AIT."

Pfc. Joshua Bowes
549th MP Co.



"On vacation in St. Louis house hunting."

LaTosha Meeks
Directorate of Logistics



"I just got off staff duty and went home. I saw what was happening on tv."

Sgt. Brian Formen
110 QM Co.



"I was in Babenhausen, Germany."

Latrice Smith
Directorate of Logistics



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Soldiers apprehend bicycle bomber

MND-C Public Affairs

BAGHDAD — Multi-National Division-Baghdad Soldiers apprehended a suspected terrorist transporting bomb-making materials by bicycle during an operation in Baghdad's Adhamiyah District Aug. 9.

The suspect was carrying approximately 30 pounds of homemade explosives in his bicycle basket when he was detained at approximately 8 p.m.

Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, detained the suspect after being tipped off by concerned residents.

A platoon from B

Troop, 3/7 Cav. was on patrol when they received information that a bomb was being transported by bicycle to a local mosque.

"We set up a screen around the area where we knew he would be, so that any direction he took off in we could grab him," said 2nd Lt. Kyle Graham, who led the patrol.

Once they spotted the bicycle, the Soldiers gave chase in their humvees and cut the suspect off near a market.

Graham, a former football player, was halfway out of his vehicle before it had stopped. He exited the truck and wrestled the startled suspect to the ground.

The man was immediately detained, and is being held for further questioning.

Troops help treat young Iraqi boy

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – For a child in Hollandia, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team and Coalition Forces have become the answer to his family's prayers.

Sitting in the local health clinic with his father on a warm May morning, Ahaip Najim had no idea that hope would come walking through the door.

That morning, members of the 97th Civil Affairs Battalion and 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, were assessing the town's needs.

"They discovered him in the health clinic there and just gathered around him," said Capt. Jimmy Hathaway, commander, Headquarters Troop, 3/1 Cav. "They decided right there that they were going to do everything in their power to help him."

At birth, Ahaip had an obstructed bowel that required emergency surgery. The surgery left the child's intestines outside his body. The doctor's plan was to reintroduce the intestines back into the body in six to eight years. However, according to a 97th Civil Affairs medic that option would leave the child at risk of infection or rupture.

"We briefed Gen. (David H.) Petraeus about the situation," Hathaway said. "He asked if there was anything we needed. He said this is exactly the type of thing we needed to be doing and volunteered his own aircraft."

The 3rd HBCT used a convoy to pick up Ahaip and his father and brought them to FOB Hammer. From Hammer, the pair traveled to al Sadr Hospital by helicopter. The child was expected to be at al Sadr Hospital for 10 to 14 days. Before



Air Force Staff Sgt. Shawn Weismiller

Soldiers from A Co., 97th CA, greet Ahaip in Hollandia, Iraq, on June 2 as they make final coordination with his family for his transport to al Sadr Hospital in Najaf for life-changing surgery.

attempting the surgery, doctors there wanted to run diagnostic tests. The first of two surgeries was finally performed on June 17.

"The first surgery went well," Hathaway said. "The child is recovering. He currently is using a colostomy bag, but the second planned surgery will hopefully eliminate the need for that and let him lead a normal life."

The help Soldiers extended to the boy and his family has improved the Coalition's relationship with the town of Hollandia.

IN THIS SITUATION, THERE ISN'T TIME FOR A TRANSLATOR.

SPECIAL FORCES

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Ranger

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As LaCamera departs command of the Rangers, the premier raid force, for his next assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C., he talked about the men he lead who were not in attendance. Co. B, 3rd Battalion and 2nd Batttalion, are currently deployed.

"I am an extremely fortunate leader and Ranger," he said. "The men who stand before you on the field today have brothers who are fighting on another battlefield. They represent all that is good in America and our Army."

LaCamera asked the audience to remember the 11 Rangers who died during his tenure as regimental commander.

Before assuming command of the Ranger Regiment,

Clarke commanded the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. His other assignments in the regiment include regimental training officer and commander of the Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment and company commander, Co. B, 3/75 Ranger Regiment.

"First and most importantly, to the Rangers in the ranks, and those deployed, the most important group that I will address," Clarke said. "You have borne a tremendous burden since the onset of this war in 2001 and will continue to do so in the future. It is you who deserve the highest praise, even thought you would never seek recognition. I pledge to you to do my utmost each and every day to uphold the prestige and honor of this Ranger Regiment."

Clarke was commissioned as an infantry officer from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1984. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College and recently completed a year of study at the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Clarke is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

He has earned numerous awards and decorations to include the Legion of Merit and four Bronze Star medals.

Clarke is married to the former Suzanne Stovall of Beaufort, S.C. They have two children, Madeleine, 9 and Will, 6.

PURPLE

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The 41-cent stamp is the third issue of the Purple Heart postage stamp and goes on sale nationally to coincide with two significant dates in the medal's history. August 7, marks the 225th anniversary of the Badge of Military Merit, the predecessor of the Purple Heart Medal, which was first awarded 75 years ago.

Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity, thanked audience members for helping acknowledge one of the country's oldest military badges by witnessing the stamp's unveiling.

"This is truly a legacy in terms of the Postal Service and their support of our men and women in uniform services," he said.

Garage sale benefits Boy Scouts

There will be a Garage Sale fundraiser, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at 413 Rogers Road, Hinesville to benefit Troop #401, Liberty District, Coastal Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America. Any interested community members wishing to donate items for the sale can contact Scoutmaster Welch at 856-8041. The Troop will pick up large items and/or quantities.

There will be a bake sale as well. Come on out and save some serious money. See additional briefs on Page 10A.

Visit the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center for an educational coffee

The education center will host an educational coffee 9:15 a.m. Sept 4. Join our counselor with your educational questions or concerns. Coffees are usually offered the first Tuesday of each month.

Army Education Counselors are available Monday through Friday, for individual sessions.

For more informatin, call 767-8331. See additional education briefs on Page 10A.

Gate Closure announced

Gate 8 at Frank Cochran will be closed all day Saturday due to construction. It will reopen 5 a.m. Sunday.

Please use Gate 1 Saturday.

WRIGHT

From Page 1A

Rick Mansford, airfield division operations officer for Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield said the agreement has come a long way since 1995 where the Georgia Department of Transportation recommended level II airports be considered to service counties throughout the state.

Mansford said the agreement brought needed funds to improve the existing facilities and enhanced the airports capacities, allow for shared maintenance and upkeep cost and allows for the servicing of multiple counties.

He said chief improvements included upgrading the runways, taxi-ways, lighting, a new terminal and aircraft storage among other improvements.

The end result will provide four runways, two for rotor-wing aircraft and two 5,000 foot runways for fixed wing aircraft capable of landing a military C-130 and a variety of commercial aircraft.

The agreement helps the installation by providing an upgraded training platform, allowing the military to optimize its resources. "The joint

agreement, to me, means increased capacity" said Paul Andreshak, deputy commander for Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield, and stated the co-use of the airport leant itself to sustainability of the installation with an eye on the future.

The Georgia Aviation System Plan Airport Summary Report at <http://tomcat2.dot.state.ga.us/Aviation> indicates the venture could prove to be a force multiplier for the local economy too.

Hinesville Mayor, Thomas Ratcliffe, and chairman of the Joint Management Board said the idea to co-use the airport was part of an original three-part effort to develop the area. The first part was the joint use of Wright Army Airfield, with the other two being a civilian commitment to the restoration of local wetlands, and the third in developing the continuation of the enhancement opportunity for traditional property on the exterior boundary of Fort Stewart.

"The goal there was to provide the civilian com-

munity the opportunity to support mission critical missions like the airfield or other installation needs in a private/public partnership," Ratcliffe said. He said if there was a need for expansion, the synergy exercised by the military/community relationship could be exercised to meet that need.

He said airfield could also have a long term impact on the immediate area. He said the airport, located mid-coast, would support the economic development park, which is located only 15 miles away, down a four-lane highway at highways 38 and 95.

Ratcliffe said as the park develops, he believes industry will grow as more businesses gain access to aviation, a thought that is shared by the Georgia Aviation System Plan Airport Summary.

Ratcliffe also noted the Georgia transportation plan originally called for a relief airport for the Savannah Airport and noted it was more cost effective to share expenses with the military than the alternative to constructing on a green field.

Attend Marriage 101

The installation ministry team sponsors a Marriage 101 Seminar for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. The seminar is held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Victory Chapel. For more information call 767-7028.

Retired general visits Cavalry troopers



Soldiers of the 3/1 Cav., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., escort retired Gen. Jack Keane, former Army Vice Chief of Staff, through the four-corners marketplace, near Narwahn, Iraq, during an Aug. 8 visit to Patrol Base Assassin and FOB Hammer.

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment hosted a visit by retired Gen. Jack Keane, former Army Vice Chief of Staff, at Patrol Base Assassin near the town of Narwahn Aug. 8.

Keane visited the A Troop, 3/1 Cav. command post before proceeding to the four-corners area.

The four-corners area is named for a main intersection between Jisr Diyala, Narwahn, Baghdad, and FOB Hammer. The intersection is surrounded on all corners by a bustling marketplace. Over the past month, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team has been building up checkpoints at each corner to improve security for the shops surrounding the intersection.

Keane visited the Iraqi national police responsible for the security of the commercial zone. He continued

his tour by visiting several local shop owners to gain awareness of the area.

Upon completion of the tour, Keane went to FOB Hammer to meet with the brigade leadership. At Hammer he received briefings about ongoing operations and projects in the brigade's area of operations.

According to Capt. Aaron Schwengler, the brigade's current operations officer among the topics discussed Keane spent the majority of his time talking about Jayaish Al-Mahdi influence and Iraqi security forces capability in the brigade's area of responsibility.

"General Keane wanted to understand what the standards were for the ISF and if they were being met," Schwengler said.

The 3/1 Cav. is assigned to the 3rd HBCT, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga.

The 3rd HBCT has been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V since March, 2007.

Marne Soldier's re-enlistment holds special significance

Sgt. 1st Class Craig Zentkovich
3rd Inf. Div. Public Affairs

CAMP VICTORY, Iraq – Everybody has one. It may be a Family member, a teacher, or a coach – an extraordinary person who makes such an impact that one's life is forever changed.

For Staff Sgt. Steven A. Holloway that one person was a friend, mentor and leader.

The story of Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith is known to the nation. His actions in combat on April 4, 2003, above and beyond the call of duty, led to him being posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

On Aug. 10, Holloway, on his third combat tour to Iraq, raised his right hand to indefinitely reaffirm his commitment to the Army in the exact location where Smith gave his life to preserve those of his Soldiers.

Holloway, a 12-year Army veteran, was in the fight on in 2003 with B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, securing a breach in a wall 100 meters from Smith when Smith was killed. Smith was his platoon sergeant for 10 months, his friend for three years.

"It's still kind of hard to go back there," said Holloway, whose only other time back there was on April 4, 2005, when Smith's son, David, was presented his father's Medal of Honor in Washington. "I lost a friend that day ... and a mentor who

taught me what it means to take care of Soldiers."

Now serving as the Task Force Marne Engineer Operations noncommissioned officer, Holloway said junior Soldiers are the primary reason he made the choice to re-enlist.

"When Smitty was my platoon sergeant, we trained a lot – he was big on training young Soldiers," he said. "He was hard to work for; a perfectionist. But his Soldiers were always the best at what they did, and they knew it."

"That's how I am. I love to train Soldiers. That's what I want to do," he said, adding that there are still hundreds of future combat engineers who will need a competent leader capable of mentoring, training and teaching them.

"I've still got a lot of work to do (in the Army), and I've got enough experience to provide that leadership."

Holloway, who has been a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier for nine years, told his Soldiers after the ceremony that he re-enlisted for them and others like them. He said he hopes the lessons he's learned in Soldiering and leading while serving as a sapper in the Marne Division will be passed on to young Soldiers for years to come – a lesson taught to him on that fateful day in 2003.

"That's why I re-enlisted," he said. "So the young Soldiers can carry on not only what I teach them, but what Smitty taught me."



Staff Sgt. Steven A. Holloway re-enlists Aug. 10, where Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith gave his life to save his Soldiers April 4, 2003.

3rd HBCT Soldiers receive awards, coins



Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, awards Spc. Terry Kisselburg, radio transmission operator for 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, a 3rd HBCT coin Aug. 11 at Forward Operating

Base Hammer, Iraq. Kisselburg is in charge of assisting the 3/1 Cavalry's battle captain in tracking all elements within the unit's area of operation.

Kisselburg also calls in air support and medical evacuation when needed.

The unit has been accident free for 100 consecutive days.

'Triad of care' helps wounded warriors

Winn Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity at Fort Stewart activated the Warrior Transition Unit here June 15. In response to recommendations outlined in the Army Medical Action Plan, warrior transition units, battalions and brigades were stood up at military sites across the country.

The purpose of the AMAP is to develop a holistic approach to develop a sustainable system where Soldiers are supported, treated and vocationally rehabilitated to prepare them for successful return to duty or transition to active citizenship. AMAP will ensure that the needs of the Army, the Soldier and their Families are jointly met. The WTU is designed to better represent wounded or otherwise injured Soldiers and the healing process they undertake. Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield currently has more than 220 Soldiers in the WTU.

In a news release, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., said "As we've said before, the Army takes Soldier inpatient and outpatient care very seriously and remains committed to returning our Soldiers to productive careers

and lives. We have made improvements, but realize there is still work to be done - including work with the complex medical evaluation board and physical evaluation board processes. By no means is everything 'fixed' - but we are aggressively acting on what we can fix now."

One of the biggest benefits to wounded warriors will be the increased internal coordination between their physicians, case managers and squad leaders - referred to as the "Triad of Care." This triad of support helps to look after the welfare and medical needs of warriors. The triad of care is based on the physician's treatment plan with the case manager explaining the treatment plan to the Soldier and the squad leader ensuring the Soldier gets to all appointments and working through the treatment plan.

The squad leaders who will be responsible for the wounded warriors will not be injured or ill themselves. They will be assigned to the WTU, and their only mission will be to make sure their Soldiers are getting the care they deserve. In the past, squad leaders were in the unit because they, too, were injured or sick. Squad leaders will also be

combat veterans, a requirement that will allow them to better understand what their wounded warriors are experiencing.

Under a new U.S. Army Medical Department policy, access standards for Warriors in Transition are enhanced from seven to three days for routine care and from 28 to seven days for specialty care. The access standard for urgent care remains at 24 hours.

Warriors also receive an initial medical evaluation screening within 24 hours (one work day) of arrival to the WTU.

MEDDAC and the Fort Stewart Garrison are still planning to build a Family Assistance Center that will help with any problems and concerns that wounded warriors and their Families might have.

Warrior in Transition Mission Statement

I am a Warrior in Transition. My job is to heal as I transition back to duty or continue serving the nation as a Veteran in my community. This is not a status, but a mission. I will succeed in this mission because... I am a warrior and I am Army Strong.

Ask the Judge: SGLI coverage

Katherine Ingram

Legal Affairs

Servicemembers Group Life Insurance is a program of low cost group life insurance for servicemembers on active duty, ready reservists, members of the National Guard, members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service, cadets and midshipmen of the four service academies, and members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. For many Soldiers and Family members, this is their largest asset. Members on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training and members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard are automatically covered for \$400,000, the maximum amount of coverage. Family member group life insurance provides up to a maximum of \$100,000 of insurance coverage for spouses, not to exceed the amount of SGLI the insured member has in force, and \$10,000 for dependent children. Spousal coverage is issued in increments of \$10,000. This asset passes directly to the beneficiary upon the death of the insured.

Question: *Can my spouse choose her beneficiaries under the Family coverage SGLI?*

If you are a spouse covered under the SGLI Family coverage, the proceeds of your policy go directly to the servicemember. There is no other option, other than purchasing life insurance from another company or going

without.

Q: *Is there any limitation on who a servicemember can designate as the beneficiary of the SGLI proceeds?*

Servicemembers may designate whomever they wish as beneficiaries under SGLI. They should, however, take note of who would be the beneficiary in a variety of situations. Additionally, servicemembers with children from both a first and second marriage need to take specific steps to ensure that all of your children are covered by your SGLI policy.

With this in mind, consider the following scenario of a servicemember with children from a first and second marriage. Typically, the servicemember designates his current wife as one of the principle beneficiaries for the majority of the SGLI proceeds (for example, 75 percent).

He does this so that his wife will have money to take care of herself and their children. He designates his children from the first marriage as principle beneficiaries of the rest (25 percent). What happens if both the present spouse (covered under FSGLI) and the servicemember (covered under SGLI) die in a common accident? All primary beneficiaries have to be exhausted before the contingencies receive. Meaning if 75 percent is to my current spouse and 25 percent was set aside for a previous child, and no mention is made of current children, if the current spouse dies, former child now gets 100 percent with the current children extinguished. The remedy is to name "spouse, per

stirpes" or add language such as "To spouse, if he predeceases, then to Contingency 1". Without careful planning, his children from his second marriage would not get any life insurance proceeds. This is because when his wife died, all the proceeds for her (and the children) went to the servicemember's other principle beneficiary (the children from the first marriage). Even worse, the wife's FSGLI proceeds could not be paid to him since he died with her, therefore they would go according to his beneficiaries, which would mean the kids from his first marriage!

Q: *How do you avoid this result?*

The servicemember should name the children from the second marriage as contingent beneficiaries and clearly state on the SGLI beneficiary form (SGLV 8286) that in the event his spouse (a principle beneficiary) predeceases him or simultaneously dies with him, then her portion shall pass to the contingent beneficiaries (children from the second marriage).

This will permit the children from the first marriage (principle beneficiaries) to collect 25 percent of the proceeds, and the children from the second marriage to collect their mother's share (75 percent) as contingent beneficiaries.

Q: *Can my children receive the proceeds of my SGLI?*

Children may receive proceeds, even if they are minors, with a custodianship or

trust provision in a will. The following language is recommended for trusts/custodianships on the SGLV 8286. If the will includes a formal trust provision, the language should state in the beneficiary block, "My trustee to fund a trust established for the benefit of my children under my will."

Q: *My mom/dad/other adult would take care of my children if something happened to me. Can I just designate them as the beneficiary?*

While you can designate whomever you want as the beneficiary of your insurance proceeds, it is not a good idea to name another adult outright if your intention is to provide for the children. Even though that adult may have every intention of providing for your children, they would have no legal obligation to spend the money on the children. Additionally, if that adult became disabled, they may have to spend down all of that money before they could qualify for programs such as Medicaid. Or, if that adult were to die, the money would be part of their estate and would be distributed to their heirs which are not likely to be your children.

Q: *Where can I obtain additional information?*

If you have questions about how to word your beneficiary designation, please contact Fort Stewart Legal Assistance in building 621 at 767-8809 or 767-8819.

Additionally, information can be found online at www.insurance.va.gov/SgliSite/default.htm.



Justice Served

Private Bryant, Jerel T., 3rd Sustainment Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, convicted at Special Court-Martial; AWOL x 6; confined for sixty four (64) days; bad-conduct discharge.

Female, age 20; No insurance; fined \$225.

Male, age 34; Speeding; fined \$110.

Female, age 21; driving with a suspended license, speeding; probation for 12 months,

and fined \$385.

Male, age 31; driving with a suspended license, reckless driving, no insurance; probation for 12 months and fined \$925.

Male, age 20; driving with a suspended license; fined \$275.

Female, age 29; driving with a suspended; fined \$425.

Female, age 57; speeding; fined \$310

Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Charles E. Bilbrey**, A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. William R. Howdeshell**, A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Jaime Rodriguez, Jr.**, A Trp 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Chief Warrant Officer Larry Coleman, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart Ga. 31314 at 767-3395.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Raymond Christian**, 24th Ordnance Co., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. 31409, contact Warrant Officer Nicholas Bartling, 24th Ordnance Co., Hunter, Ga. 31409 at 315-6112.



Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools.

The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible.

If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center to speak with a counselor.

Tuition assistance deadline announced

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30 must be requested in GoArmyEd before Sept. 24. This is necessary due to year-end close-out and fiscal year "change-over".

Attempts to enroll in courses after Sept. 24 will not be approved. This policy applies to all Soldiers applying in the GoArmyEd system for LOI schools, not EArmyU schools. This does not apply to schools where tuition is reimbursable. For more information, call 767-8331.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, during a one-hour brief at the education center, room 223.

The **www.goarmyed.com** Web site provides 24-hours, 7-days-a- week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students. These scholarships are not just for students at the central campus, but many scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus.

Filling out a single application gives students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. For more information, call 767-8331.

College term dates announced

Central Texas College, now - Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter. *Columbia College*, now - Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter. *Embry Riddle*, now - Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter. *Savannah Tech*, now - Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart. *Webster University*, now - Oct. 11.

Savannah Tech offers child care

Child care is available at the Hinesville Airport Road Hinesville campus. Contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Take advantage of education programs

Soldiers and civilians can take advantage of the HOPE grant and tuition with opportunities available at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center and local institutions.

Available programs include Website Technician Certificate in only two courses; Child Care Manager Certificate with only five courses; and Medical Transcription Certificate with only eight courses. For more information call 408-2430.

College testing offered

Columbia College provides college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results.

CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also proctor tests for all college distance learning test. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Call 767-7558 for more information.

ESL classes taught

English as a Second Language classes are available. The beginning courses are offered 8-10 a.m., each Monday and Wednesday. Intermediate courses are offered 10 a.m. to noon every Monday and Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday, building 100, room 227. Call 368-7322 for more information.

Troops, Spouses to Teachers rep visits Stewart

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program and Georgia Spouses to Teachers Program, will be available at 11 a.m., Aug. 22. He will answer questions regarding the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program.

The program provides eligible servicemembers up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the

Spouses to Teachers Programs, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. Call 1-800-745-0709 or 767-8331 for more information.

Injured Soldier, spouse scholarships offered

Certain schools are offering scholarships and reduced tuition for severely injured Soldiers and their Family members. For more information, send an e-mail to: Scholarships@voled.doded.mil.

Get free test prep software

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring SAT and ACT test prep software for military Families. There is a small shipping charge for delivery. For more information, e-mail eKnowledge Support at support@eKnowledge.com, or call 951-256-4076.

Use the learning center computers

The learning center has 55 computers with Internet access. Complete your homework or research for your classes and access the Army's basic skills automated program. The learning center is open seven-days-a-week (closed on federal holidays).

The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Learn about GED, enrichment courses

GED preparation courses, offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program, are held at the education center on Fort Stewart.

These courses prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis.

The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in rooms 225 - 228. For more information, call 368-7322 or 368-7329.

Jayhawks hold reunion

The University of Kansas Army ROTC program will host its 3rd Annual Jayhawk Battalion Alumni Association reunion and Wall of Fame Ceremony from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 3, at the KU ROTC building before the Kansas-Nebraska homecoming football game.

All former Army ROTC graduates from KU or any of its extension centers are invited to see military demonstrations by cadets and listen to music by the 312th Army Reserve Band.

Contact Lt. Col. David Pendleton (Retired) at (913) 684-5320 or Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil for information.

Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Delegates needed for AFAP

Have you ever said, "If the Army would just ask me how to fix this I could tell them." AFAP gives Soldiers, retirees, DA civilians, and their Families the opportunity to let Army leadership know what is working and what is not, and their ideas about what will fix it.

You can be a part of this great process! Delegates are needed. The Fort Stewart - Hunter Army Airfield Conference is scheduled for Sept. 11-12. For more information, call 767-1257.

Log on, earn your stripes

We are now six weeks into the Kellogg's Earn Your Stripes Promotion and Stewart - Hunter youth have fallen to second place.

But we are not far behind! Have your child, ages 2-14 log on to www.frosted-flakes.com/active/login.html and help take back first place and win \$20,000 for our kids.

All they need to do is log their points and select Stewart for all their physical activity since June. Keep up the good work Stewart and Hunter! We know you can do it. For more information, call 767-5113/5126.

Youth AFAP Conference

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield will hold a Youth Army Family Action Plan conference 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday at Bryan Village Youth Center. For more information, call 767-1257.

Town Hall meetings

On post Families may bring up issues of concern for review by a panel to improve the quality of life 5:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Club Stewart and Hunter Club. Attend in person or watch live on Marne TV and call in your questions/comments to 767-ROCK at Stewart or 315-ROCK at Hunter. For more information, call 767-1257.

Free admission, MWR Crazy Days!

Free admission and games will be offered at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf,

The Springs, Corkan Family Skating, Cypress Sam's Treehouse and Stewart Lanes 4-8 p.m. Aug. 23 at Corkan Recreation Area. All Video games will be on free play mode.

Enjoy the music and prizes during the afternoon. For more information, call 767-4273.

Get educated with Marriage 101

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Ministry Team sponsors a Marriage 101 Seminar for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. Explore your personal strengths and weaknesses and discover secrets to a more rewarding and satisfying relationships. The seminar is held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Victory Chapel. The event has a catered lunch and materials are provided for. For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain at 767-7028.

Sapelo Island day trip scheduled

Visit Georgia's 4th largest barrier island and see salt marshes, maritime forest, beach dunes and more starting 7:30 a.m. Aug 25 at Leisure Activity Centers, building 443 on Stewart and building 1286 at Hunter. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a relaxing day at the beach and tour the island!

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes transportation and ferry ride tour. The registration deadline is tomorrow.

For more information, call 767-2841 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

Stewart

Gate Closure announced

Gate 8 AT Frank Cochran will be closed all day Saturday due to construction. It will reopen 5 a.m. Sunday. Please use Gate 1 Saturday.

Get oriented for volunteering

Winn Volunteer Orientation will be held 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28 in the Patriot

Auditorium at Winn Army Community Hospital. For more information, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-5010.

FSSG holds membership drive

Are you a foreign born spouse and interested in networking with other spouses from your cultural background?

The Foreign-born Spouse Support Group invite you to meet people who are familiar with the area and with Army life and have the opportunity to network and participate in activities such as games and coffee club. Contact ACS at 767-5058/5059 for dates and times and to sign up.

Spouses' hold super sign-up

The Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Officers' Spouses' Club will host a Membership Drive, today from 6-8 p.m. at Club Stewart. The Hunter Spouses club "Super sign-up" drive will be at the Hunter Newcomers Expo and community fair 4-7 p.m. Aug. 23 at the ACS ballroom.

For more information, please contact Melanie at 214-257-0564 or the Larry Stanley at Hunter 315-2694.

Learn seven effective habits

Army Community Services invite volunteers to learn "The 7 Habits of Effective Military Families," 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 27 at the Family Readiness Center.

The course is an excellent volunteer professional development program. Child care is available for the training. Spaces are limited.

Teen Night at Club Stewart

Teen night moves to Rockets at Club Stewart 7-11 p.m., Aug. 18 and 25. During these events, Rockets is closed to Soldiers and open to Family members, ages 13-18 with military ID. Only one guest is allowed per card holder.

All participants will be checked for ID and wrist banded.

The club features a pool table, foosball and big screen TV in the Headlights room. Extra facility staff is available and conduct

codes are strictly enforced.

The cover charge is \$5. For more information, call 767-8715.

Ultimate Fighting Championship

Watch Live on Pay-Per-View World Heavy Weight Championship Fight 10 p.m., Aug. 25 at Rocky's. See Couture vs. Gonzaga, St. Pierre vs. Koscheck. The event is free for military, Department of Defense civilians and dependants. The cost is \$10 for civilians. For more information, call 767-8715 or 368-2213.

Garage sale benefits Boy Scouts

There will be a Garage Sale fundraiser, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 8:00 - 2:00 pm at 413 Rogers Road, Hinesville to benefit Troop #401, Liberty District, Coastal Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America. Any interested community members wishing to donate items for the sale can contact Scoutmaster Welch at (912) 856-8041. The Troop will pick up large items and/or quantities. There will be a bake sale as well. Come on out and save some serious money. Be prepared!

Hunter

Terrible twos workshop offered

Parents will receive help understanding toddler development and will be provided with helpful tips for handling temper tantrums, potty training, and discipline strategies 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Aug. 20 at ACS.

Parent support program offered

Are you interested in learning the art of infant massage? Demonstrations are available in the privacy of your home or in a group setting.

Infant massage assists with bond and attachment, helps with colic symptoms, relieves stress for parents and infants, and stimulates the infant circulatory system. Parents with newborns and toddlers are encouraged to participate. Expectant parents are also invited to learn. 315-2746.

SOCCE holds bicycle parade

Decorate your bike like a parade float and enter it in the bike parade 4:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

The person with the best decorated bike will win a prize! You will also learn some great tips on bike safety and get your bike registered by the military police.

Neighborhoods hold huddles

Come talk to us at a GMH Huddle. Share ideas, issues or concerns. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live!

Aug. 20 Isenhower Village
Aug. 27 New Callaway.

The events happen at 10:30-11 a.m. at various locations in the community. Bryan Village South at the playground across from Brittin Elementary; Isenhower Terrace at the ball field between Subic and Ramblon; Isenhower Village at the corner of Hero and Liberty; and the New Savannah/New Callaway.

Test your Disney movie trivia

Test your knowledge of the classic Disney

movies by answering questions about movie clips, characters and much more!

The event will be at the Ken Heller Jr. Community Center in New Gannam housing area 3-4 p.m., Aug. 22.

Pool and Ping-Pong Tournament

Show off your skills by entering in this friendly competition of pool and ping pong 3:30-4:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center.

Enter in both games if you'd like!



Civilians play vital battlefield roles



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Walter Patton works on computer equipment. Patton is responsible for maintaining the 2nd BCT's 250 blue force tracker units.

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

ARAB JABOUR – With his Army Combat Uniform, he easily blends in with surrounding Soldiers, but he is not one of them.

While he holds no rank, Daryl Lusk, member of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's safety office, plays as vital a role as any combat Soldier. He is just one of many civilians on today's battlefield contributing to the success of today's modern Army.

A retired Army command sergeant major with an aviation maintenance background, Lusk said it was his dedication to Soldiers that made him want to continue his service with the Army.

"I missed the Army tremendously when I retired. I really missed being around Soldiers," he said.

Lusk returned to 3rd Inf. Div., the place where he spent the last seven years of his 31-year career.

While he may not carry his old rank with him, the Army experience he retains helps tremendously in his role as brigade safety specialist. Like the command sergeant major he once was, Lusk ensures that things

are done to standard in order to incorporate safety in all the brigade does.

In addition to adding expert eyes to its ranks, the Army is also adding technical specialists from civilian companies to its roster.

Hector Lozano, a digital system engineer with Ilex L3, and Walter Patton, brigade blue force tracker field service representative with Equipment Solutions Products, are two specialists brought aboard to help keep the 2nd BCT afloat.

Like Lusk, the two have previous Army experience. Lozano spent 20 years as a chemical non-commissioned officer, and Patton spent 21 years as an infantryman. More relevant for their current jobs is their experience in new electronic equipment being employed in today's Army.

"On today's modern battlefield, there is always equipment being pushed down to the Soldiers," Patton said. "With civilians on the battlefield, being directly beside the Soldier, we can give them a better understanding of their equipment."

One piece of equipment is the blue force tracker, which Patton helps maintain for the brigade. Likewise, many of the computer systems Lozano works on and troubleshoots

are important to the fight.

Knowing how vital the equipment their companies produce for the Army is a driving force for the two to continue serving.

By adding his expertise, Lozano said he helps alleviate some of that stress and allows Soldiers more time to focus on their mission.

"Civilians are on the battlefield so the Soldier can concentrate more on his day-to-day mission on the battlefield," Lozano said.

While both DA civilians and contractors are committed to the success of the Army mission, there are some differences between the two.

Unlike DA civilians, contractors are not required to wear uniforms, adhere to Army rules and regulations for uniform wear and appearance or carry a sidearm. Contractors' jobs are not permanent either, but are based upon the Army's budget and if their company remains under contract.

However, what they all carry in common is a desire to help Soldiers and units succeed in their missions.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing," Lusk said. "I think civilians contribute a lot to keeping the Army (and Soldiers) safe."

Operations section helps keep troops safe

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky
2nd BCT Public Affairs

FOB KALSU – There is something about the number three that has long been attributed to stability, like the even sides of the triangle making it a solid geometric structure. Thus, it seems only fitting that the section that brings stability to the abstract concepts of the brigade commander's intent and desires is given the label '3'.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team S3 section, operations and training, works to provide commanders with all the critical information they need in order to make decisions and shape the battlefield, said Sgt. Maj. William Jones, brigade S3 sergeant major.

To ensure the commander's intent is met, the S3 follows the military decision making process, said Capt. Rich Aaron, S3 plans.

This lockstep process, as Aaron coins it, includes steps such as analyzing the proposed mission's intent, formulating courses of action, analyzing these courses of action and eventually briefing the best course of action to the command.

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But formulating plans is a lot more than plugging a bunch of information into a magic formula and having a neat package pop out. Many outside factors also need to be incorporated into the equation.

"The most important of these is analyzing all the different assets within the brigade," Jones said. These assets include close air support, artillery, intelligence information and brigade equipment.

While technology, which allows easier communication between elements and allows for real time tracking, has made things easier, personal relationships are still key to the S3's effectiveness.

To ensure situational awareness, the S3 is in constant communication with counterparts from surrounding brigades and their counterparts at their respective division in what is called adjacent unit coordination.

Coordination also needs to be maintained amongst the members of the S3 shop. While most come from infantry, cavalry or other combat arms specialties, Jones said, all S3 Soldiers, both

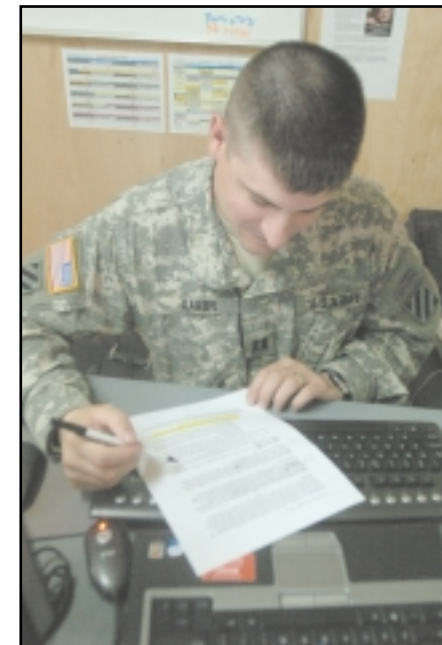
enlisted and officer, bring something to the table, and thus all their contributions are valued.

Such praise is also given to those executing the plans, the Soldiers on the ground conducting missions, the final group the S3 needs to maintain strong relations with.

Soldiers receive the plan in a package known as an operation order. But, even the best laid plans may need updates as things change on the dynamic battlefield.

Changes to operational orders come in the form of a fragmentary order, or FRAGO. The vital task of preparing FRAGOs falls into the hands of Capt. James Harvey who combines multiple sources, advice and courses of action into a document that can be picked up, understood and executed by any Soldier on the ground while still maintaining the commander's guidance to the unit.

The skill of the S3 can be seen in each successful operation conducted by all 2nd BCT Soldiers. The S3 continues to formulate plans designed to accomplish the mission and keep their Soldiers safe.



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Capt. Rich Aaron, S3 plans, works on a draft of a plan for the 2nd BCT.

Aviation Soldiers honored for outstanding careers

Pfc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Three senior noncommissioned officers were honored Aug. 7 for their longtime promotion of Army Aviation.

First Sgt. Ronald Waltman, Sgt. Maj. Becky Johnson and Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Whitney were inducted into the Order of St. Michael, honoring their outstanding contributions as aviation Soldiers.

Maj. Gen. James Simmons, deputy commanding general, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, presented the Order of St. Michael medallion to Waltman, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Aug. 7, at Sather Airbase, Baghdad.

"I felt it was a privilege to receive the award in front of the brigade's comman-

ders," Waltman said. "They represented years of command within the brigade. For me it recognizes 20 years of work. They don't just hand these out. It's not something you get just for showing up."

Johnson, operations sergeant major for 3rd CAB, and Whitney, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment command sergeant major, also received the Order of Saint Michael medallion at the awards ceremony.

"It's an honor that I would be nominated by my fellow sergeant major," Johnson said. "It's an honor to be recognized for the 23 years I've been in aviation."

Whitney was also honored to be recognized for his commitment to the aviation brigade.

"It's a significant award in my eyes," said Whitney.

"It basically shows recognition of my 20

years in aviation, almost my entire military career. It's the aviation community rewarding significant contributions and I'm proud and humbled to receive it."

The Order of Saint Michael recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Army Aviation by demonstrating the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displaying an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serving the United States Army Aviation or civilian aviation community with distinction.

Pfc. Monica K. Smith

General James Simmons, deputy commanding general Multi-National Corps-Iraq, presents the Order of Saint Michael to 1st Sgt. Ronald Waltman, of HHC, 3rd CAB, Aug. 7, at Sather Airbase, Baghdad.



4th BCT Soldier takes leap of faith with father



Courtesy photo

Col. Patrick Hash, left, corps chaplain, XVIII Airborne Corps, and his son, Maj. Matthew Hash, HHC, 4th BCT, took the opportunity to jump together during the chaplain anniversary jump Aug. 2.

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

Maj. Matthew B. Hash, information officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, participated in the 232nd XVIII Airborne Chaplain Corps anniversary jump Aug. 2 at Fort Bragg, N.C., along with his father, Col. Patrick Hash, who is the corps chaplain for the XVIII Airborne Corps.

The Chaplain Corps, the Army's second oldest corps,

celebrated its 232nd anniversary with an administrative jump. An administrative jump, or a "fun jump," is a jump performed without combat equipment.

"My father called and joked about jumping, but all I had to hear was that he had a 'chute and was saving a seat for me on a Cosa 212," said Maj. Hash.

It was then simply a matter of Hash filing hazard paperwork and attending an airborne refresher class before he could jump. Hash also had to

be put on permissive jump status since he is attached to a unit that isn't airborne.

Although Hash isn't currently in an airborne unit, he's no stranger to the sky. Hash is a senior-rated jumpmaster, a title earned by Soldiers after completing more than 30 jumps with an airborne unit.


Hash said he enjoys jumping, especially fun jumps, but described his feelings before a jump as, "you feel anxiety and fear but you learn to trust yourself and your equipment."

"The jump was special for

me because my son was there," said Col. Hash. "He and I have actually had 10 jumps together before today. This is our 11th jump together and this may be our last time to jump because he and I both may deploy soon."

Hash is expected to deploy with 4th BCT in October.

"My father is one of my mentors in the Army," said Hash. "It was great to remember the camaraderie, share the jump with my Family, and just have an opportunity to get up there and jump."



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

After School Transportation!

CYS is offering Free after school transportation to Ft. Stewart Youth Center 6th grade students at Diamond Elementary School. Transportation is open to registered CYS members. Call the Youth Center at 767-4491 to sign up today!

Belly Dancing Classes @ FS

18 Aug- 10 to 11am, Club Stewart Palmetto Room

Come and learn the art of Middle Eastern Dance! Class is Free & open to women of all ages and registration is not required. Please dress comfortably and bring a scarf to wear around your hips. Call 767-9336 for more info.

Town Hall Meeting @ FS & HAAF

21 Aug- 5:30pm, Club Stewart, Hunter Club

Our post Families may bring up issues of concern for review by a panel to improve the quality of life on FS & HAAF. Attend in person or watch Live on Marine TV & call in your questions/comments to 767-ROCK (RS) 315-ROCK (HAAF). For info call 767-1257

MWR Crazy Days!

23 Aug- 4 to 8pm, Corkan Recreation Area

Free admission and games will be offered at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf, The Springs, Corkan Family Skating, Cypress Sam's Truckhouse and Stewart Lanes. All Video games will be on FREEPLAY! Enjoy music & prizes during the afternoon. 767-4273

Sapelo Island Day Trip @ FS & HAAF

25 Aug- 7:30am, Leisure Activity Centers, Bldg 443 (FS), Bldg 1286 (HAAF)

Visit Georgia's 4th largest barrier island and see salt marshes, maritime forest, beach dunes and more! Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a relaxing day at the beach and tour the island! Cost is \$30 per person which includes transportation & ferry ride over. Registration deadline is 17 Aug. 767-2641 (FS), 315-3474 (HAAF)

Ultimate Fighting Championship

25 Aug- 10pm, Rocky's

Watch Live on Pay-Per-View World Heavy Weight Championship Fight Contender vs. Gonzaga, St. Pierre vs. Koschek, Military DoD Civilians & Dependents Free. Cost is \$10 for civilians. 767-8718366-2213

"The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families" Class

27 Aug- 8am to 4:30pm, Club Stewart Marne Room

Learn how to anticipate all phases of deployment, abandon unhealthy behaviors, learn practical skills for dealing with financial issues, & build Family traditions, unity and a "sustaining Family culture". Class is limited to 25 participants. Free childcare is available through CYS hourly care with advance registration. 767-1257/1297

New Parent Support Program @ HAAF

"Infant Massage Class"

Are you interested in learning the art of Infant Massage? Demonstrations are available in the privacy of your home or in a group setting. Infant Massage assists with bond and attachment, helps with colic symptoms, relieves stress for parents and infants, and stimulates the infant circulatory system. Parents with newborns and toddlers are encouraged to participate. Expectant parents are also invited to learn. 315-27446816.



Pat Young

Spc. Juan Sanchez and Spc. James Menard, 473rd QM Bn. provide perimeter security while an entry team clears a nearby building as part of the Urban Operations lane during Individual Readiness Training at Evans Field.

Individual Readiness Training prepares Soldiers for combat

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

A villager carrying a hatchet walks idly down a dusty road scanning either side for possible firewood. He watches as Soldiers approach heading for the his town. They moved in an orderly fashion until explosions and rapid gun fire change the scene, forcing the Soldiers to react to a near ambush in an urban environment.

Although this scenario could easily have been in Iraq, it wasn't. It is part of a capstone event, evaluating Soldiers on a go/no-go basis on the individual readiness training they learned while performing squad training exercise at Evans Field.

"IRT is some the best training the Army has to offer," Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Matthew, 202nd Quartermaster Detachment and Evans Field NCOIC. "Not only does it provide the base training, but it gives the Soldiers the confidence to deploy and do their missions in Iraq."

Lt. Col Brian Gale, rear-detachment commander for the 3rd Infantry Division was on hand Aug. 10 and explained the ongoing training.

"We aren't going to send anyone forward who isn't ready to deploy," he said. He explained how the installation ran two cycles

of IRT training a month averaging about 250 Soldiers per cycle.

The training includes individual weapons training, country in-briefs, medical training, and search techniques. The training is made more realistic as they encounter role players simulating conditions in Iraq.

The 473rd and 110th Quartermaster companies conduct themselves as opposing forces, civilians on the battlefield, media, and cadre for two IRT training sessions a month to help prepare Soldiers for deployment to Iraq.

The training, used to augment the unit's Mission Readiness Training, provides essential training to individuals who couldn't get the training with their unit - mostly due to Soldiers newly arriving. Not all Soldiers who go through the training are new to service in Iraq, however, they must attend the training.

"The training is designed to give a base level of training," Gale said as he explained that some of the Soldiers may have served with other units and may do things differently.

Gale said the training provides a common core that makes it easier for Soldiers to integrate with their units once they deploy by providing basic skills they need before they leave and the training doesn't stop with IRT, but continues as they are handed off to their units.



Deer archery season opens on Sept 8

Special to the Frontline

Scouting activity for deer hunters is steadily increasing on Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield in anticipation of the 2007-2008 deer hunting season.

The installation's archery only deer season runs Sept. 8 through Oct. 5. During this season, hunters using only archery equipment may legally hunt whitetail deer. Archers can also use their equipment during the other deer seasons; muzzleloader season, Oct. 6-19; and firearms season, Oct. 20 - Jan. 15.

Deer hunters may take a season total of 12 deer. However, no more than 10 may be antlerless deer and no more than two may be antlered bucks. Further, one of the antlered bucks must have at least four points on one side, with at least one inch in length.

This is the overall maximum number of deer that can be taken during the season using any method or any combination of methods (archery and/or firearm) by any one hunter, post wide.

Antlerless deer may be taken on any date during deer season by archers in designated Archery Only Areas.

During the muzzleloader deer season and the firearms deer season, archery hunters will be restricted to the same bag limits and antler restrictions as muzzleloader and firearms hunters, except in the designated Archery Only Areas, where antlerless deer may be taken on any date during deer season.

When hunting during muzzleloader season, in the Archery Only Areas, archers may take antlerless deer as well as two antlered bucks, one of which must have at

least four points, one inch or longer, on one side. During this time period, archers hunting in training areas not designated as archery only areas will be restricted to the harvest of a total of two deer, only one of which may be an antlered buck.

When hunting during the firearms season, archers hunting in the Archery Only Areas, may take antlerless deer as well as two antlered bucks. One of the bucks must have at least four points, with one of the points longer than one inch. During this time period, archers hunting in training areas except the Archery Only Areas, (A-16 and A-18) and during designated areas post wide either sex seasons, will be restricted to the harvest of antlered bucks only. One of the bucks must have at least four points with one of the points one inch or longer on one side.

The installation archery only areas are A-19, A-20, B-5, D-1, D-2, D-4, E-2, F-20, H-3, H-4, H-6, H-7, and H-8. All weapons except for crossbows and bows are prohibited in these areas.

Post wide either sex dates are Oct. 20-21, Oct. 27-28; Nov. 3-4, Nov. 10-11, Nov. 17-18, Nov. 23-25; Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16, Dec. 22-23, and Dec. 26-31.

In the Stewart Quality Deer Management Zone, both bucks harvested must have at least four points (one inch or longer) on one side to be legal. QDMZ areas are E-12, E-13, E-14, E-15, E-16, E-20, E-21, and E-22.

Hunters sixteen years of age and older must have on their person a valid Georgia primitive weapons license or a Georgia hunting license as well as a big game license to hunt deer.

A hunter may also choose

to purchase a sportsman's license in lieu of the aforementioned combinations of licenses. On Stewart-Hunter, all hunters regardless of age must possess a valid hunter's safety card through either the state of Georgia or one of the states with which Georgia has entered a reciprocal agreement.

Fluorescent orange outer garments are not required to be worn by archery hunters in Archery Only Areas. However, every person who does archery hunting or accompanies a person who is hunting any wildlife, except in an Archery Only Area on Stewart-Hunter, during open firearm and muzzleloader seasons for deer and/or hogs must wear at least five hundred square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment, above the waistline.

Legal hours for hunting are thirty minutes before sunrise until thirty minutes after sunset. Archers may not possess any firearm while hunting during the archery season for deer. Also, on Stewart-Hunter, it is a separate offense to possess a firearm in an Archery Only Area.

When transporting crossbows on Stewart-Hunter, the crossbow must not be in the cocked position and bolts and/or arrows must be physically separated from the weapon. Scopes, to include Red-Dots, are legal on archery equipment.

The Directorate of Emergency Services Conservation Law Enforcement Branch can be reached at 435-8012 to answer sportsmen's questions concerning the enforcement of federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the protection of the natural resources on the installation.